

CLAIMS

1. A voice coding apparatus comprising:
- a spectrum quantization circuit for calculating and
5 quantizing a spectrum parameter of a voice signal;
 - an adaptive code book circuit for predicting said voice signal
from a sound source signal to calculate a residual;
 - a sound source quantization circuit for quantizing said sound
source signal by using said spectrum parameter to output the
10 quantized sound source signal;
 - a gain quantization circuit for quantizing a gain of said
sound source signal;
 - a mode decision circuit for extracting characteristics from
said voice signal to decide a mode; and
15 a multiplexer unit for multiplexing an output from said
spectrum parameter quantization circuit, an output from said
mode decision circuit, an output from said adaptive code book
circuit, an output from said sound source quantization circuit,
and an output from said gain quantization circuit to output the
20 multiplexed result,
- characterized in that:
- when the output from said decision unit represents a
predetermined mode, said sound source signal is represented
by a combination of a plurality of pulses and the amplitude or
25 polarity of the pulse is calculated from said voice signal; and
 - said sound source quantization unit selects a shift amount
and a code vector, which minimize distortion between an input

signal and a reproduced signal, from combinations of a plurality of shift amounts by which the pulses shift and gain code vectors.

2. The voice coding apparatus according to claim 1,
5 characterized in that the positions of the pulses the number of which is predetermined are arranged at predetermined intervals, and a plurality of shift amounts for shifting the positions of the pulses as a whole are determined.

3. The voice coding apparatus according to claim 1,
10 characterized in that combinations of the positions of the pulses the number of which is predetermined are generated at random, and the plurality of combinations are determined.


4. A voice decoding apparatus characterized by comprising:
a demultiplexer unit which receives information related to a
15 spectrum parameter, information related to a decision signal, information related to an adaptive code book, and information related to a sound source signal to separate the pieces of information from each other;

a sound source signal generation unit for, when the decision
20 signal represents a predetermined mode, generating a sound source signal from an adaptive code vector, a shift amount of a pulse position representing a sound source signal, and a gain code vector; and

a synthesis filter unit which receives the sound source signal
25 constituted by a spectrum parameter to output a reproduced signal.

5. A voice decoding apparatus characterized by comprising:

a demultiplexer unit which receives information related to a spectrum parameter, information related to a decision signal, information related to an adaptive code book, and information related to a sound source signal to separate the pieces of
5 information from each other;


10 a sound source signal generation unit for, when the decision signal represents a specific mode, generating positions of pulses representing sound source signals at random and generating a sound source signal by using an adaptive code vector and a gain code vector; and

a synthesis filter unit which receives the sound source signal constituted by a spectrum parameter to output a reproduced signal.